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Cholera disappearing from the islands.

The accompanying tabulated report shows that cholera is rapidly disappearing from the islands, and at the present rate of improvement it will soon be a matter of history. Considerable anxiety has been caused here by the reappearance of the disease in Japan. The islands have been deprived almost entirely of fresh vegetables since the outbreak of the disease here, and since Japan is one of the principal markets for these products any further restrictions upon cargo of this class would be looked upon with great disfavor.

Smallpox in the islands—Vaccination.

Smallpox has again made its appearance in many of the ports of the islands. Fortunately, the vaccination by the Service of all seamen in the interisland trade is well under way. The insular board of health has also petitioned the Philippine Commission for funds in order that the vaccination of the entire population in the islands may be accomplished.

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended December 12, 1903.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Zaragoza	Nueva Ecija	1	1
Vigan	Ilocos Sur	1	1
Iloilo	Island of Panay, Province of Iloilo.....	6	5
Capiz	Province of Capiz	0	2
Pandan	do	4	3
Bacolod	Island of Negros	1	0
Bulupanadan	do	3	0
Total	16	12

PORTO RICO.

Report from San Juan—Inspection of immigrants.

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, January 19, as follows:

Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended January 16, 1904.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Jan. 11	Solent	Barbados, Castries, Fort de France, Roseau, Pointe a Pitre, Monserrat, St. John, Antigua; St. Christopher, and St. Thomas.	7
	Martin Saenz	Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, and Teneriffe.	8
	Total	15

Report of alien passengers arriving during the week ended January 16, 1904, at the six sub-ports of Porto Rico.

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Jan. 16	MAYAGUEZ.		
	Salvador	Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo.	7

Aguadilla, Arecibo, Arroyo, Fajardo, and Humacao, no transactions.